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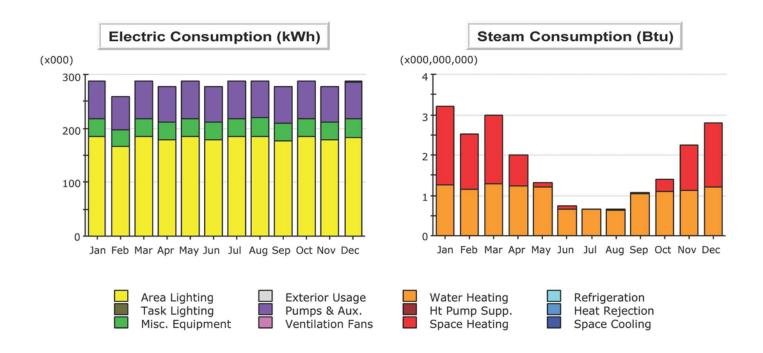
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#### Vandenberg Hall

- Six Stories + Basement
- Quarter of a Mile Long
- Window Wall System 50 Years Old
- Reduce Energy Consumption

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#### **Energy Model**



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#### Glazing Scenario Modeling

#### **VANDENBERG GLAZING SCENARIO ENERGY MODELING RESULTS**

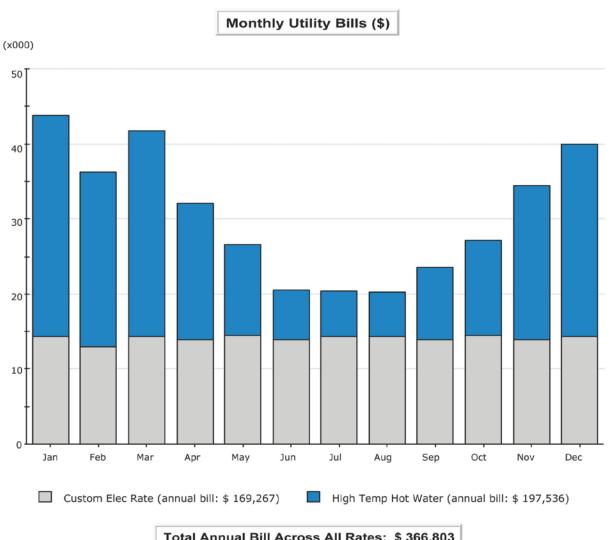
|   | Glass<br>Scenario 1<br>Base Design |                   | Glass<br>Scenario 2<br>Thermal<br>Performance |                   | Glass<br>Scenario 3<br>Non Low-E |                   | Glass<br>Scenario 4<br>Existing |         |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
|   |                                    |                   |   |                   |                                  |                   |                                 |         |
| Electric Consumption (kWh x 000)        | 3389.4                             |                   |   | 3384              | 3389.9                           |                   | 3417.2                          |         |
| Annual Electric Bill                    | \$                                 | 169,539           | \$  | 169,267           | \$                               | 169,562           | \$                              | 170,928 |
| Gas Consumption<br>(Btuh x 000,000,000) |                                    | 23.4              |   | 21.57             |                                  | 24.19             |                                 | 40.94   |
| Annual Gas Bill                         | \$                                 | 214,351           | \$  | 197,536           | \$                               | 221,618           | \$                              | 375,005 |
| Total Consumption (Btu x 000,000,000)   |                                    | 34.96             |   | 33.12             |                                  | 35.76             |                                 | 52.60   |
| Total Annual Bill                       | \$                                 | 383,890           | \$  | 366,803           | \$                               | 391,180           | \$                              | 545,933 |
|   |                                    |                   |   |                   |                                  |                   |                                 |         |
| Savings compared to Existing Design     |                                    |                   |   |                   |                                  | _                 |                                 |         |
| Energy Savings                          |                                    | 33.53%            |   | 37.04%            |                                  | 32.02%            | •                               |         |
| (Btu x 000,000,000)                     |                                    | 17.63             |   | 19.48             |                                  | 16.84             |                                 |         |
| Annual Dollar Savings                   | \$                                 | 29.68%<br>162,043 | \$<br>\$                                      | 32.81%<br>179,130 | \$                               | 28.35%<br>154,753 |                                 |         |

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#### Vandenberg Hall

- Estimated Costs for Utilities \$ 545,933.00 / year
- Scenario 2 Costs for Utilities \$ 366,803.00 / year
- Energy Consumption Reduction by 32.81%
- Energy Conservation Use of Renewable Energy

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Total Annual Bill Across All Rates: \$ 366,803

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- Thin Film Solar Array
- Direct Application on Roofing Membrane
- Wind Gusts of 110 mph
- Single Source 25 Year Warranty
- Return On Investment 17 years

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| Year  |    | 2010          | 2027          | 2028           |
|---|----|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Crude Oil                                     |    | 12.16         | 20.46         | 20.77          |
| \$ - kW/hr                                    | \$ | 0.1400 \$     | 0.2356 \$     | 0.2391 \$      |
| Total Consump in kWh                          |    | 2,110,590     | 2,110,590     | 2,110,590      |
| Total Energy Cost                             | \$ | 295,482.60 \$ | 497,168.91 \$ | 504,701.78 \$  |
| RE Production kWh                             |    | 305,268       | 257,324       | 254,751        |
| RE Energy Investment                          | \$ | 42,737.59 \$  | 60,615.04 \$  | 60,918.11 \$   |
| Non RE Complimentary Production kWh           |    | 1,805,322     | 1,853,266     | 1,855,839      |
| Non RE Energy Cost                            | \$ | 252,745.01 \$ | 436,553.88 \$ | 443,783.67 \$  |
| Actual Energy Cost                            | \$ | 252,745.01 \$ | 436,553.88 \$ | 443,783.67 \$  |
| Amortization of PV Array's Initial Cost (ROI) | \$ | 962,819.41 \$ | 2,857.03 \$   | (58,061.08) \$ |
| \$ 1,005,557.0                                | 00 |               |               | i              |

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Solar Insolation Value

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#### Energy at USAFA

- USAFA commissions leaders of character
  - Mission conducted as balance between built and natural environment
  - Relies on Innovation, Education, Conservation
  - Reduce Demand via Facility Improvement and Policy
  - Innovation in Technology and Application
    - Symbiosis Between Research and Application
  - Educate! Spread the Awareness and Knowledge
    - Involve Cadets in Development of Renewable Energy
  - Civil Engineering is at forefront of this mission

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#### **Energy Management Program**

- Falcon Green Program
  - Conservation Initiative to Shut-Down Computers at Night:
    - Yielding ~2% Electrical Energy Reduction from 2009
  - USAFA Energy Triad involving 10 ABW, USAFA DF and Cadets kicked-off in July 2010
  - Energy policy implemented regulates temperature set points; limits personal coffee pots, refrigerators, etc.

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#### **Energy Management Program**

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
  - Received \$18.3M to develop a Solar Array
- AF's FY10-15 Energy Conservation Focus Fund \$250M per year \$1.5B total
  - FY10 USAFA first Command/DRU to award 100% of projects
  - FY11 USAFA slated to receive \$2.7M

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# Conservation Projects Funded Centrally by HAF

- FY10 Energy Conservation Projects
  - Repair Lighting/Cooling Community Center Bldgs
  - Repair/Replace Lighting Falcon Athletic Center
  - Repair/Replace Lighting Cadet Gym
  - Repair/Replace Lighting Fairchild and Sijan Halls
  - Repair/Replace Chillers-Fairchild Hall
- Estimated Total Annual Energy Savings 7,000 MBTU

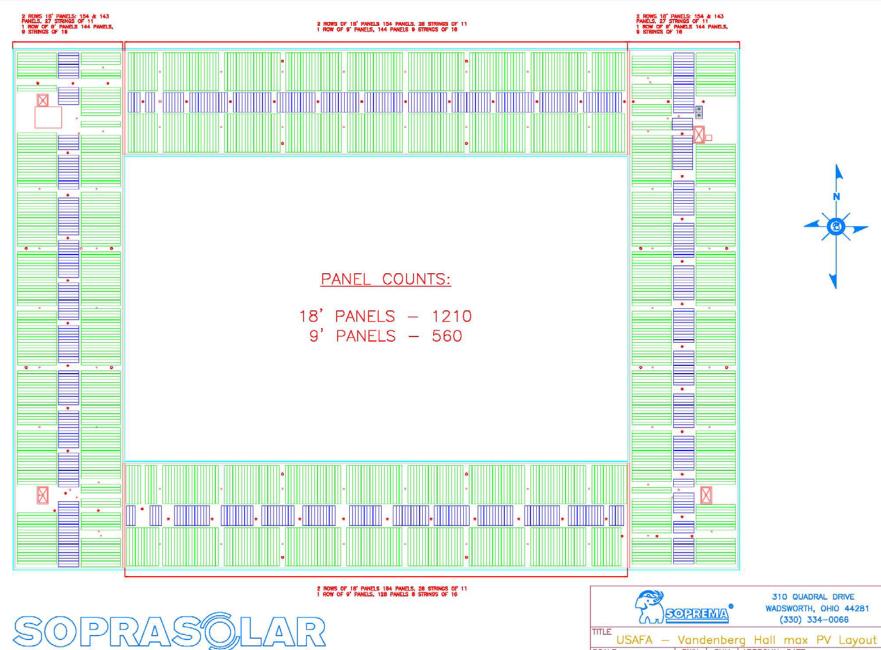
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#### Conservation Projects Funded Centrally by HAF

- FY 11 Energy Conservation Projects
  - Optimize HVAC Harmon Hall
  - Lighting retrofit Cadet Chapel & Aero Lab
  - Lighting retrofit Airmen's Dining Hall & Enlisted Dorm
  - Lighting retrofit Vehicle Maint & Sailplane Hangar
  - Optimize EMCS Multiple Buildings
- Estimated Total Annual Energy Savings 57,000 MBTU

- Design Challenges
  - Historic Building (USAFA wanted no visual interruptions)
  - Heavy winds and large hail in area also directed against using crystalline panels in this application
  - Construction of building left no room for system wiring to basement of 6 story facility. We routed conduit and wire via elevator shaft and provided shunt trip roof mounted breakers to isolate power in the event of alarm.

- Total installed production capacity: 212.320 KW DC
- Panels type and quantity:
  - Unisolar Thin Film Amorphous Silicon Panels
  - 1210 Power Bond PVL-144 (144 watts each)
  - 560 Power Bond PVL-68 (68 watts each)



TITLE USAFA — Vandenberg Hall max PV Layout

SCALE 1/16= 1' TM GP O4/22/10

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Inverters type and quantity:

- Solectria Grid Tied Commercial Inverters
- 2 PVI 95 KW
- 2 PVI 15 KW

#### System Efficiencies

- Total system efficiency of 84% (based on actual field testing)
- Inverter efficiency = 96% (conversion of DC power to AC)

#### Calculated Production

 Expected at 305,268 (kilowatt hours) year 1, based on irradiance factor of 1437 kWh AC per DC watt for Colorado Springs.

- Panel Characteristics
  - High Temperature and Low Light Performance
  - Bypass diodes for Shadow Tolerance
  - 80% Output Power maintained at 25 years
  - Tolerant from -40 degree F and 185 degrees F
  - .2" thick for minimal to no visual presence

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Vandenberg Hall Roof Waterproofing System

Application over existing granule surface modified bitumen membrane and roofing assembly:

- Base Coat = Alsan RS 230 (75mil)
- Reinforcement = Alsan Polyfleece (fully embedded)
- Top Coat = Alsan RS 230 (40mil)







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